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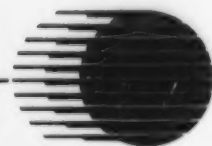


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"We have the power to reconcile human affairs with natural laws and to thrive in the process."¹

The behaviour of the peoples of the world is creating social, economic and environmental problems which are adversely affecting the quality of human life in all nations. We can no longer afford: to have the capability of the land to produce food reduced because of erosion; to have increasing health risks due to water and air pollution and improper use and disposal of toxic chemicals; to have increased consumer and industrial waste or inefficient and environmentally harmful industrial practices.

Diminishing economic potential resulting from degraded productivity of natural resources, depletion of non-renewable natural resources and increasing public debt have led to international and regional strife due to the inability of nations to provide jobs, incomes and basic social and health services for their citizens.²



Message from the Chair



The Honourable Peter M. Liba, C.M.
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
Government House
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Your Honour:

Manitoba has been a forerunner in sustainable development since our government first took office in 1988. The Round Table effort in Manitoba is one with over a decade of history and tradition in our pursuit of knowledge and implementation of sustainable development.

In July 1998 our government was proud to bring into force *The Sustainable Development Act* and under its authority, appointed the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development.

This report covers the work of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development over the past year and includes a look at the origins of the Manitoba Round Table, duties and powers of the new Round Table, an overview of the first four meetings of the new Round Table, progress on strategy development, biographies of your Round Table members, and a glance at the secretariat's responsibilities among other things.

One of the cornerstones upon which our sustainable development and Manitoba Round Table effort is built is that of public and stakeholder participation. If you are taking the time to look at this report you may well have been one of the many citizens who attended one of our strategy consultation meetings or wrote a response to one of our discussion documents.

I am pleased to present your honour with the 1998-1999 Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. I hope you will find this report to be interesting and informative.

Yours truly,

Glen Cummings
Chair

Introduction

Upon proclamation of *The Sustainable Development Act* on July 1, 1998, the Manitoba Round Table on Environment and Economy (MRTEE) was established in law as the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development (MRTSD).

This document is the Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development, as required by Section 4 of the Act.

The first meeting of the MRTSD was September 16, 1998. Since then a retreat and two additional meetings have taken place.

Sustainable development is defined as a general philosophy, ethic and approach to guide individual and collective behaviour in respect of the environment.¹

Origins of the Manitoba Round Table

In 1986, the World Commission on Environment and Development focused global attention on sustainable development. The Commission defined sustainable development as social, economic and political progress that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".²

Following the Commission's report, a National Task Force on Environment and Economy was established in Canada to promote environmentally sound economic development. *The National Task Force Report (1987)* made 40 recommendations that encouraged industry and government to integrate environmental and economic decision-making. One of the most important recommendations was to establish provincial and territorial round tables that would bring organizations together for this purpose.

In keeping with this recommendation, the MRTEE was founded in 1988 with the Premier as chairperson. The Premier chaired the MRTEE throughout its existence from 1988 to 1997. The MRTEE served as a forum to develop strategies, policies and guidelines for sustainable development. The creation of the MRTEE was the first step in making sustainable development the cornerstone of all economic and environmental activity in the Province of Manitoba.

Manitoba's commitment to sustainable development is based on a vision for Manitoba of economic growth that is environmentally sustainable. In our vision, the environment will be clean, safe and healthy; and our economy will provide the ongoing wealth and goods and services for both present and future generations of Manitobans in an environmentally sound manner.³

New Round Table for Sustainable Development

Furthering Manitoba's progress in achieving economic prosperity and enhancing human health the environment and social well-being is the focus of the new MRTSD.

The new Round Table brings together citizens representing Manitoba's social and geographic fabric. Members of the Manitoba Round Table act as stewards of the newly proclaimed *Sustainable Development Act*.

The founding of the MRTSD marks the start of the second decade of Round Table activity in Manitoba. The first meeting of the new Round Table for Sustainable Development took place September 16, 1998, at the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg.

"The creation of the new Round Table marks an important evolutionary step in Manitoba's decade-long commitment to sustainable development. It revitalizes our efforts and marks significant achievement in our implementation of this guiding ethic in government and society."

— Honourable Glen Cummings, Chair MRTSD



Premier Filmon opens first meeting of new Round Table for Sustainable Development September 16, 1998, at the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg.

Duties of the Manitoba Round Table

The duties of the Manitoba Round Table include:

- creating awareness and understanding of sustainable development by the citizens of Manitoba;
- cooperating with public sector organizations, private sector industry, non-governmental organizations and citizens to share knowledge and experience;
- reviewing the Principles and Guidelines under section 6 of *The Sustainable Development Act*;
- advising on the development of, and reviewing, the Sustainable Development Strategy in accordance with section 7 of *The Sustainable Development Act*;
- advising on the development of component strategies in accordance with section 7 of *The Sustainable Development Act*;
- advising on the development and review of sustainability indicators in accordance with section 9 of *The Sustainable Development Act*; and
- any other task or activity related to sustainable development, at the request of the minister.⁷

The Manitoba Round Table was the first step in building a community-wide understanding of "sustainable development".

Powers of the Manitoba Round Table

The Manitoba Round Table may:

- establish and direct subcommittees to undertake various tasks;
- make its own rules of procedure, including procedures of subcommittees;
- identify, promote and encourage projects and activities that exemplify sustainable development practices;
- initiate, sponsor and support seminars, workshops and conferences related to sustainable development;
- publish reports and other materials; and
- do all things necessary for the effective carrying out of its duties under *The Sustainable Development Act*.⁸

Manitoba for Sustainable Development Round Table Members

- Honourable Glen Cummings - Minister of Natural Resources, Chairperson
- Mr. Bob Barton - Past President, Manitoba Wildlife Federation
- Mr. George B. Campbell - President, Campbell Management & Advisory Services
- Ms Christine Common-Singh - Political Studies Department, University of Winnipeg
- Honourable Leonard Derkach - Minister of Rural Development
- Honourable James Downey, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism (1991-1999)
- Mr. Jack Dubois - Curator of Mammalogy & Ornithology, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature
- Mr. Bill Elliott - President & C.E.O., Fort Whyte Centre for Environmental Education
- Honourable Harry J. Enns - Minister of Agriculture
- Chief Ron Evans - Norway House Cree Nation
- Dr. J.C. Gilson - Faculty of Agriculture, University of Manitoba
- Mr. David Hatch - President, Green Spaces Environmental Consulting
- Professor Thomas Henley - Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba
- Ms Jenny Hillard - Vice President, Issues & Policies, Consumers' Association of Canada
- Mr. Logan Kruger - President, Mining Association of Manitoba
- Ms Bev Leadbeater - Rock Lake Community Round Table
- Ms Anne Lindsey - Executive Director, Manitoba Eco-Network (1998-1999)
- Ms Jillian Maguet - Chair, Manitoba Youth Round Table
- Ms Sandy Margetts - Faculty of Education, Brandon University
- Honourable James McCrae - Minister of Education and Training
- Chief John McDonald - O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation
- Honourable Linda McIntosh - Minister of Environment
- Mr. Harry Mesman (1992-1999)
- Honourable David Newman, Q.C., Minister of Energy and Mines
- Reeve Maxine Plesiuk - Reeve, R.M. of Ethelbert
- Ms Maureen Prendiville - President, Prendiville Industries Ltd.
- Mr. Alan Ransom - Past President, Keystone Agricultural Producers
- Mrs. Mary Richard - President, Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg
- Honourable Mervin C. Tweed - Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism (appointed February 1999)
- Mr. Lawrence Weenusk - Director of Education, Oxford House First Nation Board of Education
- Mr. James Zonneveld - Vice President, XPotential Products
- Mr. Bryan R. Gray - Executive Director, Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development

Your Round Table Members



Honourable James Glen Cummings, Chair

Glen Cummings was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1986, representing Ste. Rose constituency and was re-elected in 1988, 1990 and 1995. Glen is the Minister of Natural Resources. Prior to being appointed Minister of Natural Resources, Glen was the Minister of Environment. Glen served on the National Round Table on Environment and Economy for five years.

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Bob Barton

Bob Barton is a lifelong outdoors enthusiast and is Past President of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (1988 to 1990) and the MWF Habitat Foundation (1990 to 1992). He still maintains an active role in the provincial federation and is currently involved in the Canadian Wildlife Federation, serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Bob moved to Carberry in 1972 to take a position teaching Industrial Arts at Carberry Collegiate where he is currently employed.



George B. Campbell

George Campbell is President Owner of Campbell Management & Advisory Services primarily serving the aboriginal community. Prior to founding Campbell Management, George was employed by the federal government as a public servant for 35 years. From 1991 to 1993 George was Chairman of the North Central Transmission Line Environmental Assessment Review. George was appointed to the Round Table in 1994.



Christine Common-Singh

Christine Common Singh is a lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Winnipeg. Prior to lecturing at the University, Christine was a registered nurse, with 23 years experience in several specialty areas of health care and nursing administration in Quebec and Manitoba. Christine was appointed to the Round Table in 1995.



Honourable Len Derkach

Len Derkach was elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1986. Len is currently the Minister of Rural Development. Prior to serving as the Minister of Rural Development, Len was the Minister of Education and Training. Before his election to the Manitoba Legislature, Len taught school and was employed by the Pelly Trail School Board.



Honourable James Downey

James Downey was first elected to the Legislature in 1977. Jim was Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister of Rural Development, Minister of Energy and Mines and most recently Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism and Deputy Premier. Jim's tenure with the Round Table ended in February 1999, when he was succeeded by Mervin Tweed.



Jack Dubois

Jack Dubois is the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature's Associate Curator of Mammalogy and Ornithology. From January 1995 to March 1997 Jack was on professional assignment with Parks Canada at Riding Mountain National Park as Resource Management Specialist. Jack was Chair of the Manitoba Eco-Network Inc. from 1986 to 1995.



Bill Elliott

Bill Elliott is the President and C.E.O. of the Fort Whyte Centre for Environmental Education. Prior to working at Fort Whyte, Bill was employed by Ducks Unlimited Canada as a Habitat Development Biologist, followed by a 5-year stint as Development Coordinator with the Delta Waterfowl Foundation.



Honourable Harry J. Enns

Harry J. Enns was appointed to his current portfolio as Minister of Agriculture in 1993. A rancher from Woodlands, Manitoba, and a long-time member of the Manitoba Legislature, he has represented Lakeside since 1966. He has also filled a wide number of Cabinet portfolios over the years, including Agriculture, Highways and Transportation, Mines and Resources, Government Services and Natural Resources.



Chief Ron Evans

Ron Evans is Chief of Norway House Cree Nation and has just completed his first term in office. Prior to his appointment as Chief, Ron was employed with the Province of Manitoba as a Flight Service Officer, a truck driver with Gardewine and also served as a Band Councillor for eight years. Ron joined the Round Table in 1998.



Dr. J. C. (Clay) Gilson

Clay Gilson is a Senior Scholar and Professor Emeritus in Agricultural Economics and Farm Management at the University of Manitoba. Prior to his appointment as Senior Scholar and Professor Emeritus in 1993, Clay held positions as Professor and Department Head in Agricultural Economics and Farm Management at the University of Manitoba. Clay was appointed to the Round Table in 1993.



David Hatch

David Hatch is president of Green Spaces Environmental Consulting, a subsidiary of Soaring Eagle Enterprises Ltd. As such, he has been involved in environmental consulting across Canada. He is also president of Aurora Canada Tours Ltd., an ecotourism company conducting nature tours around the world.



Professor Thomas Henley

Thomas Henley has twenty-three years of academic administration, teaching, research and consulting experience in the areas of northern and regional development, environmental education, and sustainable development. Graduate teaching responsibilities have included natural resources management research planning and design, public participation, northern field studies, and sustainable development.



Jenny Hillard

Jenny Hillard is currently the Vice President of Issues and Policy for the Consumers' Association of Canada. Jenny is also the Chair of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Committee on environmental labelling. Jenny has also recently done work with Consumers International and the Standards Council of Canada Advisory Committee.



Logan W. Kruger

Logan Kruger is President and CEO of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Corporation. Logan is a graduate from the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa). His career has taken him from the Anglo American Gold and Uranium Division through various positions with Anglo American Coal Corporation (AMCOAL), and finally assuming the role of Chief Operating Officer of AMCOAL, responsible for all its export collieries, major capital projects and the central workshops.



Bev Leadbeater

Bev Leadbeater has been employed for the past ten years as a bookkeeper for two local pharmacies. Bev has also been actively involved with her local Round Table initiative since its onset in 1993, serving as Vice-Chair, Chair and Secretary. Bev and her husband Brian, along with their two children, operate a mixed farm on the Canada-U.S. border.



Anne Lindsey

Anne Lindsey is currently the Executive Director of Manitoba Eco-Network, an umbrella organization for environmental and related groups in Manitoba. Prior to her work with the Manitoba Eco-Network, Anne was employed with the Federal Environmental Assessment and Review Office and the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. Anne was a member of the Round Table from 1998 until the spring of 1999.



Jillian Maguet

Jillian Maguet is employed as a Heritage Experience Officer for Riding Mountain National Park. Jillian is Chair of the Manitoba Youth Round Table for Sustainable Development.



Sandy Margetts

Sandy Margetts has been a sessional instructor at Brandon University since 1990. Prior to that she was an elementary school teacher in Manitoba and Alberta for approximately 22 years. Sandy has been an active member of the S.E.E.D.S. Foundation (Society, Environment, Energy, Development, Studies) since 1977. Sandy was appointed to the Round Table in 1998.



Honourable James C. McCrae

James McCrae is currently the Minister of Education and Training. Jim previously served as Minister of Environment, Minister of Health, Minister of Justice and Minister of Co-operative, Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Prior to being elected in 1986, Jim served as a court reporter for the Attorney General's Department in Winnipeg and Brandon.



Honourable Linda G. McIntosh

Linda McIntosh was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in September 1990. Linda is currently the Minister of Environment. Prior to this Linda was Minister of Education and Training. Linda has a great deal of experience in community, church, and youth activities. In the past, she has served on the board of directors of the Winnipeg Youth Orchestra and as Service Scouter with the Boy Scouts of Canada.



Harry Mesman

Harry Mesman is the Health and Safety Representative for the Manitoba Federation of Labour, a position that includes responsibility for environmental matters. Harry has held positions with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and the Workers Compensation Board. Harry was a member of the Round Table from 1992 until January 1999.



Honourable David Newman, Q.C.

David Newman was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in April, 1995. On January 6, 1997, he was appointed as Minister of Energy and Mines, Minister of Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for Native Affairs. Before being appointed to Executive Council, in addition to his duties as an MLA, he served as Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Justice and as Chair of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.



Reeve Maxine Plesiuk

Maxine Plesiuk is Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Ethelbert. Prior to her election as Reeve, Maxine was an adjuster with Manitoba Public Insurance for 15 years. Maxine is also Chair of the Intermountain Conservation District and Director of the Ethelbert District Community Development Corporation. Maxine joined the Round Table in 1998.



Maureen Prendiville

Maureen Prendiville is President of Prendiville Industries, a 50-year-old resource based family business with locations in Thompson, Birch River, Neepawa and Winnipeg. Since joining Prendiville Industries in 1973, she has been involved in many business and community organizations including Channel Area Loggers, the Young Presidents Organization, the Manitoba Business Council and the Canadian Association of Family Enterprises. Maureen was a member of the International Trade Advisory Committee during the Canada-USA Free Trade Agreement negotiations.



Alan Ransom

Alan Ransom farms between Deloraine and Boissevain, in southwestern Manitoba. Alan is currently on the executive of Keystone Agricultural Producers and the board of The Soil Conservation of Canada. Alan has served on the boards for local Manitoba Pool Elevators and the Turtle Mountain Conservation District.



Mary Richard

Mary Richard is currently the President of the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg. She was formerly the Executive Director of Manitoba Association of Native Languages. Mary is actively involved with numerous organizations in various capacities.



Honourable Mervin C. Tweed

Mervin Tweed was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1995. In February 1999, Mervin was appointed Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism. Mervin was previously involved in operating a successful automobile business for 17 years. He also served as a municipal councillor for five years as well as Deputy Reeve for the Rural Municipality of Brenda for three years.



Lawrence Weenusk

Lawrence Weenusk is the Director of Education for Oxford House First Nation Board of Education in Oxford House, Manitoba. Prior to his employment in Oxford House, Lawrence was a geological analyst with Inco Ltd. and a civil servant for the Province of Manitoba in Thompson. Lawrence was appointed to the Round Table in 1998.



James Zonneveld

James Zonneveld is employed at XPotential Products Inc. as Vice-President in charge of marketing and administration. He was the President and founder of Red Box Recycling Inc., a corporation responsible for developing and implementing the concept of user-pay recycling services in Winnipeg. James has been a Round Table member since 1995.



Bryan R. Gray

As the Province's Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Coordination Unit, Bryan is Secretary to both the Sustainable Development Committee of Cabinet and the Round Table for Sustainable Development. He also serves as a member of the Interdepartmental Planning Board and as an ex-officio board member of the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.

Manitoba Youth Round Table

Mission of the Manitoba Youth Round Table

The mission of the Manitoba Youth Round Table is to integrate today's youth and a fresh new perspective into a process designed to ensure that all future generations have clean, safe and healthy air, land and water in which to live, work and play.

What is the Manitoba Youth Round Table?

The Manitoba Youth Round Table for Sustainable Development (MYRT) is a program designed to give young people an opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns and ideas on the use, development and protection of our environment.

The MYRT's purpose is to educate young Manitobans in all areas concerning sustainable development and encourage their participation in educational events such as Earth Day and the Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium.

The MYRT Chair sits as a full member of the MRTSD, while many members of the MYRT sit on various subcommittees. Having youth active on these committees ensures the views of Manitoba's youth are present in all deliberations by the Round Table. More information on the MYRT and their activities can be obtained from their Web site at <http://www.susdev.gov.mb.ca/yrt/yrt.html>

Members of the Manitoba Youth Round Table:

Robert Campbell
Pilar Floyd
Sarah Goulet
Lani Innes
Dorie Kell
Jillian Maguet, *Chair*
Derek Schoonbaert
Amanda Skrumeda
Alfie Solayao
Ian Sutherland
Jonathan Syms
Christina Waddle



Jillian Maguet, Chair MYRT

Manitoba Youth Conference on Sustainable Development

In keeping with its objectives, the MYRT raised the profile of sustainable development in Manitoba by holding a youth conference on sustainable development.

The Conference was held Friday, November 13, 1998, at the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg. The Honourable Glen Cummings and 70 young people from across Manitoba attended to discuss issues related to sustainable development and to develop draft policy/actions for a sustainable development strategy. A draft policy workbook will be distributed to Manitoba young people in the fall of 1999. A "What You Told Us..." will follow as a report.

Progress on Strategy Development

Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba (Core Strategy)

The *Sustainable Development Act* came into force on July 1, 1998, and requires the Province to adopt a Provincial Sustainable Development Strategy by July 1, 2000. The Strategy is to be prepared in cooperation with the MRTSD. To meet this date, the Manitoba Round Table agreed to complete its review and provide recommendations by January 2000.

The purpose of the Core Strategy is to establish provincial sustainable development goals as well as provide a framework for sustainable development policy development and to guide preparation of component strategies.

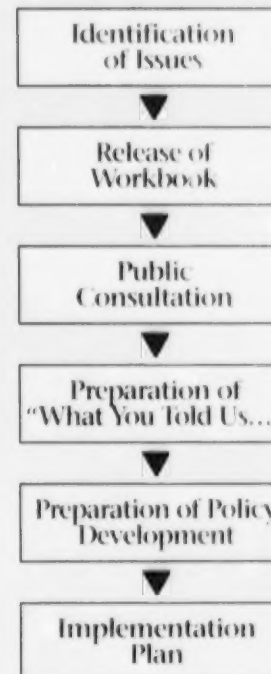
On November 21, 1998, the Manitoba Round Table established a Core Strategy Subcommittee comprised of Logan Kruger (Chair), George Campbell, James Zonneveld, Thomas Henley, Bev Leadbeater, Chief Ron Evans, Alan Ransom, Mary Richard, Lawrence Weenusk, Honourable David Newman, and Reeve Maxine Plesiuk.

The Chair held an organizational meeting on December 14, 1998, and the full subcommittee met on January 18, 1999. At the Manitoba Round Table meeting on January 25, 1999, the subcommittee recommended and the Round Table agreed to a modified consultation and review process which included:

- requesting comments and suggestions by correspondence, including electronic, respecting the need for revision of the Core Document from various organizations, including but not limited to:
 - community round tables,
 - Aboriginal organizations,
 - social organizations,
 - resource organizations,
 - government departments,
 - business/industrial organizations,
 - environmental organizations,
 - health organizations,
 - local government organizations,
- conducting workshops/breakout sessions on the need for revision of the Core Document as opportunities arise; and
- meeting with community round tables and other specified organizations to discuss the revision of the Core Document.

A survey on the Core Document was prepared and a mailing list initiated with a target date set for an early May distribution of the survey. A presentation on "Core Strategy Review" was given by Bev Leadbeater on April 30, 1999, at the Community Round Table workshop at the Rural Forum '99 in Brandon. A display booth was booked for the Rural Forum and materials on the Core Strategy, among other things, were distributed. The Round Table's secretariat initiated the establishment of a government interdepartmental Core Strategy Working Group to assist the Round Table in its review of strategy.

General Process of Strategy Development



Component Strategies

The *Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba* identifies 16 component strategies and a number of sub-strategies that are to be prepared. The MRTSD is continuing progress on many of these strategies, as well as others not originally identified. The component strategies set out strategic plans for achieving sustainability in the different sectors identified in the Sustainable Development Strategy.

The 16 component strategies are:

Household and Neighbourhood
Education
Demonstration Projects
Code of Practice
Public Sector
Environmental Management and Protection
Land and Water
Energy
Economic Development
Waste Minimization and Management
Environmental Business
Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy
Rural Manitoba
Capital Region
Northern Manitoba
Research and Development

Public Sector Strategy

The Manitoba Round Table and the provincial government agreed to a joint approach on the development of the Public Sector Strategy. This approach was approved in 1989 by Cabinet and called for a three-phase process involving:

- advice from the Round Table,
- an action plan prepared by government, and
- an implementation plan to carry out the action plan.

The work of the Manitoba Round Table was completed in 1992 when it released its report *Towards Institutional Change in the Manitoba Public Sector*.

Since that time the Government has undertaken to move on a number of recommendations made by the Round Table; however, no formal action plan has been prepared.

Of the recommendations carried out, the adoption of *The Sustainable Development Act* in 1998 is of particular note. The Government is now in the process of implementing this Act in concert with the MRTSD.

In this regard, subcommittees are working on the Provincial Strategy and Sustainability Indicators among other things.

The *Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba* recognizes that the earth's ability to sustain and assimilate human development and activity is finite; however, sustainable development provides the opportunity to pursue economic development and wealth generation in an environmentally responsible manner within the bounds of the earth's life-sustaining processes. The strategy will therefore allow society to address the real and emerging problems of:

- sustaining human life by protecting the earth's life support system,
- providing jobs and incomes for those presently unemployed and for the workforce of the future,
- cleaning up degraded areas,
- anticipating and preventing or mitigating environmental and economic mistakes,
- enhancing our natural resources upon which jobs and incomes depend,
- providing mobility, health care, education and social services, and
- assisting the world community in feeding, clothing and sheltering a population that is expected to double from five billion to 10 billion by 2047.*

COSDI Report Finalized

Following from the Round Table consultation on the *White Paper for a Draft Sustainable Development Act*, the Premier announced a stakeholder consultation process to consider how best to implement sustainable development principles into land use and environmental regulatory decision-making.

In the fall of 1997, an eighteen-member Core Group, co-chaired by two government staff, was struck to undertake the initiative. The members of the Core Group represented a variety of interests, experience and perspectives and each agreed to participate, not as a representative of an organization, but on the basis of their own knowledge and past experience with resource management, planning and environmental approval processes.

To provide an assurance of a representative process, a sixty-member Advisory Committee was established to review the work of the Core Group and provide feedback for their consideration. Unlike the Core Group, most of the members of the Advisory Committee represent specific organizations, such as sectoral associations, environmental groups, municipal associations, local government, professional organizations, industry, business and social groups.

After 18 months of deliberation, the group concluded its work and prepared the *Report of the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI)*. The report sets out the vision with respect to the implementation of the Manitoba Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development and recommends actions necessary to achieve this vision.

COSDI Core Group

Stuart Bries -
Rural Municipal
Organization
Alice Chambers -
Environmental Advocate
Gord Collis -
Industry/Manufacturing
Radha Curpen -
Environmental Law
Julie Frederickson -
Urban Government
Dwayne Hamilton -
Agricultural Producer
Ed Huebert -
Industry Association
Joe Keeper -
Aboriginal Perspective
Ryan Kustra -
Public Utility/Developer
Mike Maksymyk -
Urban Municipal
Organization
Mike McKernan -
Environmental Consultant
Brian Pannell -
Environmental Law/Advocate
Merrell-Ann Phare -
Aboriginal Environmental
Organization
Ed Sawatzky -
Co-chair, Manitoba Rural
Development
Jonathan Scarth -
International Conservation
Agency
John Sinclair -
Academic/Environmental
Assessment

Dick Stephens -
Co-chair, Manitoba
Environment
Dale Stewart -
Public Board/Commission
Shirley Timm-Rudolph
Urban Government

COSDI Advisory Committee

Aboriginal Council of
Winnipeg
Alliance of Manufacturers and
Exporters of Canada
Assiniboine River Management
Board
Association of Consulting
Engineers of Manitoba
Association of Manitoba
Archaeologists
Association of Manitoba
Municipalities
Association of Professional
Engineers of Manitoba
Canadian Association of Agri-
Retailers
Canadian Environmental
Assessment Agency
Canadian Federation of
Independent Business
Canadian Institute of Public
Health Inspectors
Canadian Parks and
Wilderness Society
Canadian Petroleum Products
Institute
Canadian Society of
Landscaping Architects
Carter, Nick
City of Brandon
City of Winnipeg
Chappell, Chuck
Concerned Citizens of
Manitoba
Council of Women of
Winnipeg
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Egg and Chicken Producers
Gillespie, Dr. Colin
Institute for Urban Studies
International Institute for
Sustainable Development
Keystone Agricultural
Producers Association
Manitoba Bar Association
Manitoba Cattle Producers
Association
Manitoba Chamber of
Commerce
Manitoba Conservation
Districts Association
Manitoba Eco-Network
Manitoba Environmental
Council
Manitoba Environmental
Industry Association
Manitoba Heavy Construction
Association
Manitoba Hydro
Manitoba Institute of
Agrologists
Manitoba Metis Federation

Manitoba Municipal
Administrators Association
Inc.
Manitoba Naturalists Society
Manitoba-North Dakota Zero-
Tillage Farmers Association
Manitoba Pork
Manitoba Professional
Planners Institute
Manitoba Prospectors and
Developers Association Inc.
Manitoba Telecom Services
Inc.
Manitoba Wildlife Federation
Manitoba Women's Institute
Mining Association of
Manitoba Inc.
National Farmers Union
Northern Association of
Community Councils
Northern Manitoba Round
Table
Panterra Management
Provincial Council of Women
of Manitoba
Resource Conservation
Manitoba Inc.
TOLKO Manitoba Inc.
Urban Development Institute
Winnipeg Chamber of
Commerce
Winnipeg Construction
Association Inc.
World Wildlife Fund

The Sustainable Development Act Proclaimed

The provincial government drafted *The Sustainable Development and Consequential Amendments Act* and introduced it into the Legislative Assembly in the spring of 1997. The Bill was passed by the Legislature and received Royal Assent in June 1997. The Act, with the exception of Section 3, came into force July 1, 1998.

The Act establishes and gives statutory basis to the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. The Act defines "sustainable development" as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and identifies a set of guiding principles. The Statute requires government to consider the principles of sustainable development in all planning and decision-making to ensure that our public sector operates on a sustainable basis for the benefit of all future generations.

The Sustainable Development Act is divided into eight parts, as follows:

- Part 1 - Definitions
- Part 2 - Framework for Implementing Sustainable Development
- Part 3 - Principles and Guidelines
- Part 4 - Sustainable Development Strategies
- Part 5 - Provincial Sustainability Indicators and Reporting
- Part 6 - Public Sector Operations
- Part 7 - Sustainable Development Innovations Fund
- Part 8 - General Provisions

"When implemented, these principles will ensure better, more comprehensively based decisions, and improved consensus decision making."

—Honourable Glen Cummings,
Chair MRTSD

Code of Practice Strategy

The *Code of Practice Strategy* and *Sample Codes of Practice* documents were released in 1991. Both the first and second phases of the strategy have been completed. Work on phase three of the strategy has not yet begun.

A provincial code of practice, as well as procurement and financial management guidelines, are now required under *The Sustainable Development Act*. A public sector working group will be established to assist the MRTSD with its preparation. The provincial code of practice will serve to guide all government with comprehensive integration of sustainable development into policy formulation, program delivery, decision making, and all other government actions and operations.

Demonstration Projects Strategy

The Demonstration Projects Strategy was released in 1990. The goal of the strategy was to show real life examples of how Manitobans have successfully integrated environment principles with economic development. An integral part of the strategy was the establishment of an awards program to recognize those who have made significant contributions to environmentally sound and sustainable economic development in Manitoba.

Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program

The Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program was established in 1991 to recognize Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development. The awards place priority on projects and ideas that best translate the principles and guidelines of sustainable development into concrete and lasting achievements. The awards are open to all Manitobans and nominations are welcome in various categories. An independent evaluation committee assesses all nominations and presents recommendations to the MRTSD, whose members select the recipients. Awards are presented at an annual awards dinner hosted by the Premier and MRTSD members.

Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Scholarship Program

The Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Scholarship was established in 1996. This annual scholarship is awarded to a post-secondary student in Manitoba pursuing studies and undertaking research that embraces the spirit and principles of sustainable development. It is open to students in any field of study offered at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution. A single non-renewable scholarship of \$5,000 is awarded to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees and other education expenses. The scholarship is announced annually at the Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Banquet.

1998 Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Winners

The MRTSD recognized two individuals and seven organizations for their outstanding achievements in sustainable development at the seventh annual awards dinner held in their honour, April 14, 1999, at the Lombard Hotel. The MRTSD honoured the individuals and organizations who were not selected as Award recipients with a "Certificate of Recognition". The recipients of the 1998 Awards were:

Household & Neighbourhood

Sarah Bector
Honourable Mention
RM of Ritchot

Research & Development

ISIS (Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures) Canada
Honourable Mention
WAVEMILL Energy Corporation

Public Sector

Town of Roblin

International

The Marquis Project
Honourable Mention
MOPIA (Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association)

Large Business

Isobord Enterprises Ltd.

Youth

Kelsey Porter
Honourable Mention
Amanda Gass & Carter McLean

Small Business

Western Profiles Ltd.
Honourable Mention
Breckman Wood Products

Education

Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources
Honourable Mention
Queenston School

Non-government Organization

Manitoba Heavy Construction Association
Honourable Mention
Charleswood Rotary Club



Premier Filmon with award winner
Sarah Bector, April 14, 1999

1998 Honourary Patron of Sustainable Development Award

Premier Gary Filmon also presented a lifetime achievement award to Alice Chambers. This is only the second time in the past decade that this special award was presented. Chambers represented the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society on the Pine Falls Paper Company's Sustainable Forest Management Advisory Committee. She is a board member of Resource Conservation Manitoba, and has been the contact for the Canadian Environmental Network Forest Caucus and the Canadian Endangered Species Coalition. She was vice-president of the Manitoba Model Forest and has served on its science and technology, social education, communication and heritage committees.

Capital Region Strategy

In May 1996, the Manitoba Government released the Capital Region Strategy. This strategy identified five policy areas, 31 policies and over 200 different actions to ensure that development in the Capital Region is truly sustainable. This strategy was endorsed by the MRTEE, the Province of Manitoba and the Capital Region Committee, whose membership represents the Region's 16 municipalities.

Since the adoption of the Strategy by government, discussions have continued about how best to implement it. After consultation, the provincial government agreed to a Capital Region Committee recommendation to establish an independent panel to undertake a review and make recommendations to government respecting the effectiveness of the existing legislative, policy and procedural framework guiding land use planning and development, and the provision of services in the municipalities in the Capital Region.

In June of 1998 Urban Affairs Minister Jack Reimer and Rural Development Minister Len Derkach announced the creation of an independent Capital Region Panel to study the issues shared by Winnipeg and its 15 surrounding municipalities.

Panel members are:

Alan Scarth, Q.C. - Chair
André Chaput
Elizabeth Fleming
David Hicks
Betty Lindsay

*Note: Kevin Kavanagh served as Chair from June 1998 to January 1999.

The Province of Manitoba released a discussion document on the Capital Region in October and the Panel held public meetings between November and January to solicit feedback on the discussion document. The Panel made its final recommendations to government in December 1999.

Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy Strategy

The MRTSD objective to guide development and implementation of market-driven and incentive programs promoting effective environmental protection by business, agriculture and resource users was addressed by establishing the Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy (MIFP) Subcommittee. Their mandate was to develop a strategy for market-driven incentives and public fiscal policy.

A background report on MIFP and a companion workbook intended to stimulate public discussion and obtain feedback on the concepts outlined in the background report have been proposed. Once they have been finalized internally by the Sustainable Development Technical Advisory Committee and the Interdepartmental Planning Board, they will be printed for public consultations scheduled for fall 1999.

By recognizing the importance of using market-based and financial mechanisms to influence the adoption of sustainable development practices, the MRTSD aims to develop a strategy that has a positive impact on behavior in a universal and cost-effective manner.

Education Strategy

A concept paper for an Education Strategy was prepared in 1997 and underwent public discussion in the fall of 1998. A report and recommendations for developing an Education Strategy is before the Education Strategy Subcommittee for tabling at the next meeting of the MRTSD.

Land and Water Strategy

The Land and Water Strategy is a component strategy under which there are a number of sub-strategies. They are: water, soil, forests, minerals, natural lands and special places, fish and wildlife. These sub-strategies are the responsibility of the Strategy Subcommittee of the MRTSD.

Soil and Water Strategies

Workbooks on water and soil containing draft policies were released together in 1989.

A "What You Told Us..." Soil and Water report was issued in November 1989.

The policy document "Applying Manitoba's Water Policies" was adopted by government and released in 1994. Its implementation is currently under assessment and a plan to further its implementation is being developed.

A Soil Working Group is in place for the preparation of a policy application document and implementation plan. The timetable indicates that the drafting of the document was to be completed by September 1, 1999.



Flatland dam

Flatland Dams Program Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC)

The Flatland Dam Program helps landowners create wildlife wetlands across the Prairie region with the construction of small earthen dams on intermittent streams and waterways. At present, the MHHC has 55 small dam projects in southwestern Manitoba, which translates to 268 acres of wetland and holding 1,100 acres of fresh water. Flatland dams help by evening out the flow of water during high and low-water years. The wetlands created by the dams also act as natural filtration systems, helping to reduce erosion and improve water quality. The Flatland Dams Program is supported with funding from the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund.

Minerals, Forest and Natural Lands and Special Places Strategies

The MRTSD agreed in November 1998 to eliminate any subcommittee that had completed its task.

The work of Manitoba Round Table subcommittees on the following strategies was completed in 1994, when the Manitoba Government, based upon the recommendations of the Manitoba Round Table, approved and released the policy documents:

- *Applying Manitoba's Minerals Policies,*
- *Applying Manitoba's Forest Policies, and*
- *Applying Manitoba's Natural Lands and Special Places Policies.*

The Government agreed to prepare status reports on the implementation of these policies and implementation plans for those policies requiring further action. Cabinet directed that the status reports and implementation plans be prepared by December 31, 1999.

Fish and Wildlife Strategies

At the Manitoba Round Table's retreat in November 1998, it was generally agreed to continue with the development of fish and wildlife sustainable development strategies as initiated by the MRTEE.

The Fish and Wildlife Subcommittee comprised of Honourable Glen Cummings, Chair, George Campbell, Christine Common-Singh, Jack Dubois, Honourable Harry J. Enns, David Hatch, Thomas Henley, Honourable James McCrae, Honourable David Newman and Maureen Prendiville met in November 1998 and agreed to a communications plan and a process for reviewing the latest draft of the workbooks on fish and wildlife.

At the January 25, 1999, Manitoba Round Table meeting, members reviewed, amended and approved the public participation process and wording of the fish and wildlife workbooks.

On March 18, 1999, the MRTSD released the Fish and Wildlife Workbooks noting that consultation involved over 40 workshops in 20 locations throughout Manitoba and would commence on April 6, 1999. Mr. Jack Dubois and Mr. David Hatch agreed to chair the Manitoba Round Table Wildlife and Fish Panels established to conduct public consultations.

Energy Strategy

The *Workbook on Energy* was released in 1990 and the "What You Told Us..." in 1994. The first draft of *Applying Manitoba's Energy Policies* was completed in 1996. Further work on this strategy commenced in 1998. The draft is currently being reviewed by the Department of Energy and Mines.

The Green Banks Program Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

The Green Banks Program is another program supported by the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund. The Green Banks Program shows landowners how to manage their riparian areas so they can maintain their natural values and improve farm practices. A riparian zone is the area where land and water meet; sometimes these areas are referred to as "shorelands". These "shorelands" contain some of the most diverse habitat found in the Prairie region.

The Green Banks Program has completed 43 projects, restored 51 miles of riparian habitat and improved grazing practices on 11,035 acres of farm land.



Green Banks Riparian Zone.

Waste Minimization and Management Strategy — Municipal Solid Waste

The Waste Minimization and Management Strategy builds upon the work of the Recycling Action Committee (1989-1990) and *The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act*, proclaimed in 1990.

The *Workbook on Solid Waste Minimization and Management* was released in 1995, and the "What You Told Us..." in 1998. A policy application document is currently being drafted for Cabinet approval.

Significant progress has recently been made in building sustainable alternatives to waste disposal. Activity highlights include the following:

- ❑ A new stewardship program for used oil, filters and containers was launched on March 1, 1998;
- ❑ An evaluation of the effectiveness of activities under the Multi-Material Stewardship (Interim Measures) Regulation was conducted and served as the basis for the decision to continue the regulation (February 1998);
- ❑ Continued expansion of established municipal recycling programs;
- ❑ Renewed business plans for the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation and Tire Stewardship Board were evaluated and approved (1998);
- ❑ Capital Region Waste Management Committee established to address regional waste management issues (1998);
- ❑ Regional Waste Management Task Force established (1999) to develop a Regional Waste Management Action Plan;
- ❑ Establishment of The Manitoba Green Procurement Network (1999); and
- ❑ Pollution prevention partnership established with Alliance Manitoba (1996).

Sustainability Indicators

Under *The Sustainable Development Act*, the Province is required to establish a set of draft sustainability indicators by July 1, 2001. The MRTSD is responsible for preparing the draft set of indicators, based on consultations with the public, and submitting a report to the Minister. The Sustainable Development Coordination Unit is responsible for coordinating the development of the indicators.

In June 1998, a Sustainability Indicators Working Group was established consisting of approximately 45 government and non-government members. The working group is co-chaired by staff from the Sustainable Development Coordination Unit and Manitoba Environment.

From August to November of 1998, a Core Team of 11 members of the Indicators Working Group met frequently to develop a first draft set of indicators. This draft was based on a framework established in the 1997 State of the Environment Report, as well as local and global sustainability issues raised during discussions.

The full Sustainability Indicators Working Group met in December 1998 to review and refine the material presented by the Core Team. The workshop resulted in a revised set of indicators, as well as suggestions for a public consultation process that would be brought forward to the Sustainability Reporting Subcommittee of the MRTSD. Forty-eight people participated in the one-day workshop. The Sustainability Reporting Subcommittee has reviewed the work of the Indicators Working Group and approved moving forward with development of a workbook for consultation.

A Sustainability Indicators Workbook is currently being prepared and is near completion. The workbook will be used by the MRTSD to aid public consultation on the set of draft indicators, tentatively scheduled for early in 2000.

Urban Aboriginal Strategy

In June of 1996, the MRTEE initiated a strategy for Aboriginal people living in Winnipeg to address peoples' well-being as part of the provincial Sustainable Development Strategy.

In May 1997, the *Discussion Paper on an Urban Aboriginal Strategy* was released. Following the release of the discussion paper, the MRTEE sponsored community workshops that attracted over 1,000 participants.

In May 1998, a report entitled *Priorities for Action – Toward a Strategy for Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg* was released. The report details feedback from the workshops and makes recommendations for the Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

The Government released details of its Urban Aboriginal Strategy in May 1999. A policy paper was to be published in the summer of 1999. An implementation committee of government and community partners will be established in the fall of 1999. An implementation plan will follow.

Communications Strategy

In October of 1997, the Communications Subcommittee was rejuvenated and charged with preparing a draft Communications Strategy. The Communications Subcommittee also prepared the MRTEE Final Report. The report chronicles the work of the MRTEE from 1988 to 1997, its history, objectives, accomplishments and ongoing challenges.

Communications activities over the past year have included:

- A Sustainability Update newsletter, winter 1998-99;
- Maintaining and enhancing the Manitoba Sustainable Development Web site. The Web site address is <http://www.susdev.gov.mb.ca>;
- Participating in the Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention in November 1998 and Rural Forum in the spring of 1999;
- Having CKMW-AM radio do regular spotlights on the Awards of Excellence Call for Nominations in December 1998;
- Participation in numerous community events and trade shows.

Joint Federal-Provincial Commitment for Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg

On July 7, 1999 Manitoba announced a policy entitled "Applying Manitoba's Sustainable Development Policies for Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg". This policy is based on the Manitoba Round Table consultation and report released last year.

Also on July 7, 1999, the federal government announced a policy entitled "Federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy for Winnipeg 1999-2002". The federal Strategy resulted from discussions between Aboriginal people in Winnipeg and Canada and, over the period of 1999-2002, will address the needs and priorities of the Aboriginal community of Winnipeg.

Summary of Manitoba Round Table Meetings

Listed below are brief summaries of all MRTSD meetings since June 17, 1998. Also included is the summary from the Portage la Prairie retreat.

Meeting No. 1 – September 16, 1998

Meeting location: Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Premier welcomed members to the first meeting of the MRTSD. The Premier stated his ongoing personal commitment to sustainable development work and thanked members for their dedication. Members of the Round Table introduced themselves by sharing biographical information and their personal interests. The Chair shared his view on why the Manitoba Round Table has achieved such longevity and success. Members of the Sustainable Development Coordination Unit were introduced. The "Neeginan, Our Place" video was shown. It is envisioned that Neeginan will embrace all cultural components of Winnipeg's Aboriginal community. It is intended to become a gathering place to celebrate, welcome and share in the knowledge of Winnipeg's first peoples. Neeginan will encompass approximately one city block and will include the Aboriginal Centre as the focal point, and other things such as a retail art store and a youth centre. An overview of the sustainable development implementation process within government was given by the Secretariat, along with brief highlights of *The Sustainable Development Act*. Round Table members agreed to continue with the Awards of Excellence program and continue to invite the Premier to participate as "honourary host". An open discussion was held to give members a chance to share their views about past practices and future expectations of the Round Table. Updates on various strategies were given as part of an information item. Members agreed to a two-day retreat for later in the fall.



Meeting No. 2/Retreat – November 20 and 21, 1998

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

The retreat provided Round Table members with a better understanding of one another. Members shared their personal expectations, missions and objectives. Members identified Round Table objectives, individual and group priorities, operating guidelines and procedures. Members recognized significant ongoing business of the previous Round Table and discussed what they might learn from their experiences. They also started to develop a work plan for the Round Table, based on agreed priorities, and discussed how members wish to conduct business and organize the Round Table.

One of the things that flowed from the retreat were priorities identified by members. They were divided into headings:

Mission and Purpose of the Manitoba Round Table

Some of the suggestions raised at the retreat were:

- improve the quality of life in harmony with the environment;
- act as a catalyst in the implementation of sustainable development policies and *The Sustainable Development Act* and identify and discuss emerging issues and problems; and
- increase the awareness and understanding of sustainable development.

Goals and Objectives of the Manitoba Round Table

Key results emanating from member and group priorities at the retreat were:

- to promote sustainable practices in all sectors of society;
- to promote and encourage the involvement and active participation of the Aboriginal community in all sectors and activities of society;
- to promote and foster the transition to sustainability assessments of project and activities;
- to promote and encourage the involvement of youth in decision making;
- to promote and foster sustainable communities which, among other things, ensures community growth is in harmony with the environment, there are job opportunities for youth, there are sustainable health and education services; and
- to periodically review component strategies to ensure they are current and relevant.

Performance Measures for the Manitoba Round Table

Performance measures suggested at the retreat:

- that the Ministers provide the Manitoba Round Table with periodic progress reports on the implementation of policies and strategies by government.



Start of a Work Plan for the Manitoba Round Table

New activities or projects suggested:

- develop a case study to demonstrate a holistic approach to sustainable development. Priority study area is the east side of Lake Winnipeg;
- develop procedures, guidelines and protocols to improve the implementation of policies by government, for example, it may be appropriate to cost out the policies as they are developed;
- develop a plan of action to improve and foster federal-provincial cooperation in the pursuit of sustainability;
- undertake a review of the definition of sustainable development as an inclusive concept;
- develop a partnership with the International Institute for Sustainable Development to promote sustainable development in Manitoba;
- develop a plan of action to increase awareness of sustainable development and the Manitoba Round Table;
- develop procedures, guidelines and protocols that lead to effective links between the Round Table and processes and groups established to implement sustainable development policies and strategies, e.g., Capital Region Strategy and Task Force, Consultations on Sustainable Development Implementation [COSDI], implementation of protected areas strategy; and
- develop a plan of action to establish and enhance relations with rural and northern community round tables.

Meeting No. 3 – January 25, 1999

Meeting location: Woodsworth Building Winnipeg, Manitoba

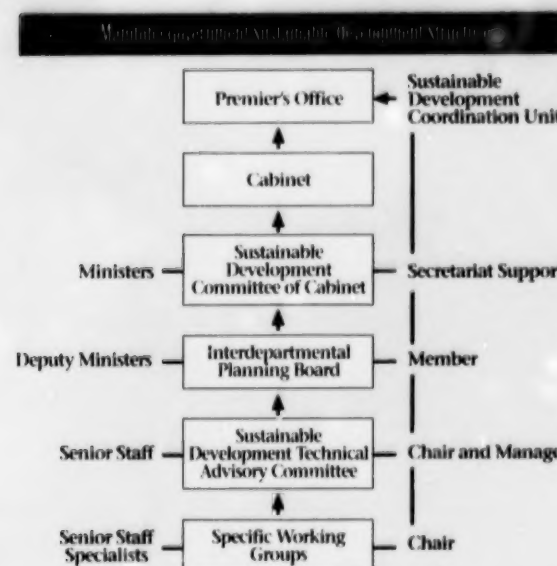
The report of the Core Strategy Ad Hoc Committee was given. The Chair of the Committee advised that it is not the intention of the Committee to rewrite the Core Strategy, just to update it. The Chair went through the nine proposed changes to the Wildlife Workbook and the seven proposed changes to the Fish Workbook. The Chair presented an update on the indicators project and invited Round Table members to join the subcommittee, or the working group. Members discussed the retreat analysis. The Round Table accepted the statements for the mission and purpose. Reports were also given by the Demonstration Projects and the Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy Subcommittees. Members agreed that the next meeting would focus on Manitoba's response to climate change targets.

Meeting No. 4 – March 18, 1999

Meeting location: International Institute for Sustainable Development Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bill Glanville, Vice President of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, provided welcoming and opening remarks. David McGuinty, Executive Director of the National Round Table on Environment and Economy (NRTEE), brought greetings from the NRTEE and gave a background presentation on how the NRTEE operates. Mr. McGuinty then proceeded to give his presentation on climate change. This was followed by a presentation on climate change from Assistant Deputy Environment Minister, Serge Scrafield, and a presentation from the Secretariat. Members indicated they would like more information on climate change and it was suggested a workshop be organized to heighten awareness and engage stakeholders. Members endorsed the 1998 Awards of Excellence recipients and approved the Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy Workbook. Members also endorsed presenting an "Honourary Patron of Sustainable Development Award" to Alice Chambers at the upcoming Awards dinner. This distinction would recognize Alice for her lifetime of dedicated advocacy on behalf of our environment and for a stronger and healthier future for our province. Members continued their discussions from the Portage retreat. Members were given a short presentation on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Members were asked to approve the process, so that work could begin on the dialogue between members and the appropriate officials within government on the relevant issues related to east side sustainable development.

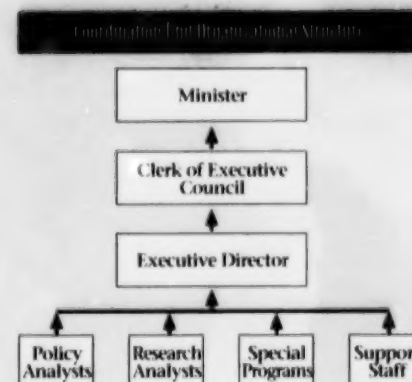
Secretariat



Sustainable Development Coordination Unit

The Sustainable Development Coordination Unit coordinates provincial sustainable development initiatives. The Unit is responsible for coordination of the various duties set in *The Sustainable Development Act* proclaimed in July 1998, which are:

- providing secretariat, administrative and research support to the Manitoba Round Table and to Cabinet or any committee of Cabinet;
- coordinating the review of strategy and policy work by the Interdepartmental Planning Board, and any other interdepartmental committee designated by the Minister, regarding implementation of sustainable development policy and strategies;
- coordinating the conduct of tasks set out in *The Sustainable Development Act*, including:
 - development and review of the Sustainable Development Strategy
 - development of component strategies;
 - development of sustainability indicators;
 - preparation of the provincial sustainability report;
 - preparation and review of the provincial sustainable development code of practice;
 - coordination of the implementation of the provisions of *The Sustainable Development Act* relating to provincial sector organizations;
- administering the Fund under the supervision of the Minister; and
- undertaking other tasks assigned by the Minister.



Secretariat Staff and their responsibilities

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Publications

Listed below are publications on sustainable development activities of the MRTSD and the Province of Manitoba. They can be obtained from the Sustainable Development Coordination Unit (see address at end of list).

Core Strategy

Towards a Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitobans-1991
"What You Told Us..." Principles & Guidelines-1993
"What You Told Us..." Component Strategies-1994
*Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba-1994**
What is Sustainable Development? (Brochure)-1994
Sustainable Development for Teachers (Video)-1996
Sustainable Development in Manitoba (Video)-1996

Land and Water Strategy

Workbook on Soils-1989
Workbook on Water-1989
"What You Told Us..." Soil and Water-1989
Applying Manitoba's Water Policies-1994
Objectives of Manitoba's Water Strategy (Brochure)-1994
Workbook on Forests-1990
"What You Told Us..." Forest-1991
Applying Manitoba's Forest Policies-1994
Objectives of Manitoba's Forest Strategy (Brochure)-1994
Workbook on Minerals-1991
Minerals: Public Presentations & Submissions-1992 (publication no longer available)
"What You Told Us..." Minerals-1993
Applying Manitoba Minerals Policies-1994
Objectives of Manitoba's Mineral Strategy (Brochure)-1994
Workbook on Natural Lands and Special Places-1992
"What You Told Us..." Natural Lands and Special Places
Park Lands Act Review-1993
"What You Told Us..." Natural Lands and Special Places
Park Lands Act Review-1993 (Executive Summary)
"What You Told Us..." Natural Lands and Special Places:
Policy Areas 1-5-1994 (Executive Summary)
Natural Lands and Special Places: Public Presentations and Submissions Volume I, II and III-1992
An Action Plan for a Network of Special Places for Manitoba-1994
Applying Manitoba's Natural Lands and Special Places Policies-1995
*Workbook on Fish - 1999**
*Workbook on Wildlife - 1999**

Energy Strategy

Workbook on Energy-1990
"What You Told Us..." Energy-1994

Public Sector Strategy

Public Sector: A Process for Change-1990
Towards Institutional Change in the Manitoba Public Sector-1992
A Discussion Paper for a Sustainable Development Act-1994
"What You Told Us..." Sustainable Development Act-1995
White Paper on the Sustainable Development Act-1996
White Paper on the Sustainable Development Act: Public Presentations, Submissions and Booklet Results, Volume I, II and III-1997
Recommendations for the White Paper on the Sustainable Development Act-1997

Demonstration Projects Strategy

Demonstration Projects-1990
Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program: Call for Nominations (Brochure)
Award of Excellence (Video)

Code of Practice Strategy

Code of Practice Strategy-1991
Sample Codes of Practice-1991
Sustainable Development Code of Practice-1994
(Brochure outlining the goals of a code of practice and why business should adopt a code)
Activities Related to Sustainable Development-1992 & 1996

Capital Region Strategy

Workbook on the Capital Region Strategy-1995
Workbook on the Capital Region Strategy (French)-1995
"What You Told Us..." Capital Region-1996
Applying Manitoba's Capital Region Policies-1996
Applying Manitoba's Capital Region Policies (French)-1996
*Discussion Document - 1998**
*Capital Region Review Interim Panel Report - 1999**

Urban Aboriginal Strategy

Workbook on the Urban Aboriginal Strategy-1997
Discussion Paper on an Urban Aboriginal Strategy-1997
"What You Told Us..." Urban Aboriginal Strategy
(Draft)-1997
Priorities for Action... Towards a Strategy for Urban Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg... Includes "What You Told Us..." - A Summary of Grassroots Workshops: Participants Recommendations and Action Plan-1998
Applying Manitoba's Policies for Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg-1999.

Waste Minimization and Management Strategy

Workbook on Solid Waste Minimization and Management-1995
"What You Told Us..." Solid Waste Minimization and Management - 1998

Sustainable Development Innovations Fund (SDIF)

SDIF Annual Report-1994/95
SDIF Annual Report-1995/96
SDIF Annual Report-1996/97
Departmental Expenditure Estimate-1995/96
Departmental Expenditure Estimate-1996/97
Departmental Expenditure Estimate-1997/98
Departmental Expenditure Estimate-1998/99
SDIF Application Form

Other Publications and Reports

Development in Harmony with our Environment (Brochure)
Sustainable Development for a New World Agenda-1990
Meeting the Recommendations of the National Task Force Report on Environment and Eco-Progress Report-1991
Meeting the Challenge Summary Report MB Round Table on Environment & Economy-1992
Report from the Manitoba Round Table on Environment & Economy-1994
Sustainability Update-Newsletter Fall 1997
Sustainability Update-Newsletter (French) Fall 1997
Sustainability Update - Newsletter - Winter 1998/99
*Manitoba Round Table on Environment and Economy Final Report - 1999**

Publication order forms may be obtained from:

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* Publication is available online.

Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development

Principles:

Integration of Environmental and Economic Decisions

- 1(1) Economic decisions should adequately reflect environmental, human health and social effects.
- 1(2) Environmental and health initiatives should adequately take into account economic, human health and social consequences.

Stewardship

- 2(1) The economy, the environment, human health and social well-being should be managed for the equal benefit of present and future generations.
- 2(2) Manitobans are caretakers of the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being for the benefit of present and future generations.
- 2(3) Today's decisions are to be balanced with tomorrow's effects.

Shared Responsibility and Understanding

- 3(1) Manitobans should acknowledge responsibility for sustaining the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being, with each being accountable for decisions and actions in a spirit of partnership and open cooperation.
- 3(2) Manitobans share a common economic, physical and social environment.
- 3(3) Manitobans should understand and respect differing economic and social views, values, traditions and aspirations.
- 3(4) Manitobans should consider the aspirations, needs and views of the people of the various geographical regions and ethnic groups in Manitoba, including aboriginal peoples, to facilitate equitable management of Manitoba's common resources.

Prevention

- 4 Manitobans should anticipate, and prevent or mitigate, significant adverse economic, environmental, human health and social effects of decisions and actions, having particular careful regard to decisions whose impacts are not entirely certain but which, on reasonable and well-informed grounds, appear to pose serious threats to the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being.

Conservation and Enhancement

- 5 Manitobans should
 - (a) maintain the ecological processes, biological diversity and life-support systems of the environment;
 - (b) harvest renewable resources on a sustainable yield basis;
 - (c) make wise and efficient use of renewable and non-renewable resources; and
 - (d) enhance the long-term productive capability, quality and capacity of natural ecosystems.

Rehabilitation and Reclamation

- 6 Manitobans should
 - (a) endeavour to repair damage to or degradation of the environment; and
 - (b) consider the need for rehabilitation and reclamation in future decisions and actions.

Global Responsibility

- 7 Manitobans should think globally when acting locally, recognizing that there is economic, ecological and social interdependence among provinces and nations, and working cooperatively, within Canada and internationally, to integrate economic, environmental, human health and social factors in decision-making while developing comprehensive and equitable solutions to problems.¹⁰

Guidelines:

1 Efficient Use of Resources - which means

- (a) encouraging and facilitating development and application of systems for proper resource pricing, demand management and resource allocation, together with incentives to encourage efficient use of resources; and
- (b) employing full-cost accounting to provide better information for decision makers.

2 Public Participation - which means

- (a) establishing forums that encourage and provide opportunity for consultation and meaningful participation in decision-making processes by Manitobans;
- (b) endeavouring to provide due process, prior notification and appropriate and timely redress for those adversely affected by decisions and actions; and
- (c) striving to achieve consensus amongst citizens with regard to decisions affecting them.

3 Access to Information - which means

- (a) encouraging and facilitating the improvement and refinement of economic, environmental, human health and social information; and
- (b) promoting the opportunity for equal and timely access to information by all Manitobans.

4 Integrated Decision Making and Planning

which means encouraging and facilitating decision making and planning processes that are efficient, timely, accountable and cross-sectoral and which incorporate an inter-generational perspective of future needs and consequences.

5 Waste Minimization and Substitution - which means

- (a) encouraging and promoting the development and use of substitutes for scarce resources where such substitutes are both environmentally sound and economically viable; and
- (b) reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering the products of society.

6 Research and Innovation

which means encouraging and assisting the researching, development, application and sharing of knowledge and technologies that further our economic, environmental, human health and social well-being.¹¹

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